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In re Application of:

Stephen J. Lippard et al.

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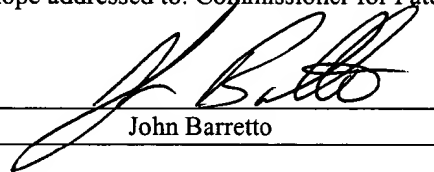
For: Fluorescein-Based Metal Sensors,
and Methods of Making and Using
the Same

Group Art Unit: 1641

Examiner: Ceperley, Mary

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Supplemental Response is being filed in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed July 17, 2003, in connection with the above-identified application. On December 17, 2003, Applicants filed an initial Response to that Office Action.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the interview dated February 12, 2004, during which the Examiner recommended that this Supplemental Response be filed.

For clarity, the Applicants assume that for this Supplemental Response, the claim amendments from the first Response dated December 17, 2003 were not entered; thus the claim

amendments as shown relate back to the claims pending before the Examiner for the Office Action mailed July 17, 2003.

Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks: